



**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

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Secretary of Transportation

July 17, 2013

Seattle District Corps of Engineers  
Regulatory Branch  
Attn: Muffy Walker  
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RE: SR 162 Puyallup River Bridge – Replacement  
(McMillin Bridge)  
Corps Reference No: NWS-2009-211  
**Application Hold**

Dear Ms. Walker:

The Washington State Department of Transportation made application for this proposal through submittal of a Joint Aquatic Resource Permit Application on August 25, 2009. The application has been supplemented and amended several times.

We request the Corps place this application on hold. WSDOT intends to revise the project to eliminate demolition of the McMillin Bridge from the proposal. The McMillin Bridge will remain in place after traffic is relocated to the new structure. We will be working to prepare and resubmit a new application package as soon as possible.

We appreciate your recent clarification that the aforementioned revised proposal would not result in an adverse effect requiring further Section 106 consultation. We are now identifying the natural resource mitigation requirements and Tribal concerns for the proposal to leave the McMillin Bridge in place, which may impact this proposal.

As we move forward to redefine the project and determine jurisdictional activities we will be in touch with your staff. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 570-6701.

Sincerely,

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